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ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: January 5, 2005

CALLED TO ORDER: 5:03 p.m.

ADJOURNED: 5:31 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Attending Members

Jackie Nytes, Chairwoman
Vernon Brown
Becky Langsford
Lynn McWhirter
Lincoln Plowman
Joanne Sanders
Steve Talley

Absent Members

AGENDA

PROPOSAL NO. 716, 2004 - reappoints Leeland Thomas to the County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 741, 2004 - reappoints Doris A. Sadler to the Information Technology Board
"Do Pass" Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 763, 2004 - approves the Mayor's appointment of Brenda L. Burke as the Director of the Department of Administration
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 743, 2004 - creates a nonreverting fund to be known as the "Delinquent Business Personal Property Settlement Fund"
"Postpone" until January 18, 2004 Vote: 6-0

PROPOSAL NO. 744, 2004 - determines the need to lease approximately 5,400 square feet of office space at 5617-5629 West 73rd Street for the use of the Marion County Sheriff's Department
"Do Pass" Vote: 7-0

PROPOSAL NO. 745, 2004 - determines the need to lease approximately 12,130 square feet of space at 908-928 Virginia Avenue for use by the Marion Superior Court
“Postpone” until January 18, 2004

Vote: 7-0

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council met on Tuesday, January 4, 2005. Acting Chair Joanne Sanders called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m., with the following members present: Vernon Brown, Becky Langsford, Lynn McWhirter, Lincoln Plowman, and Steve Talley. Chairwoman Jackie Nytes arrived shortly thereafter.

Councillor Sanders, acting chair asked for consent to move Proposal No. 716, 2004 to the end of the agenda. Consent was given.

PROPOSAL NO. 743, 2004 - creates a nonreverting fund to be known as the "Delinquent Business Personal Property Settlement Fund"

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 743, 2004 to the next committee meeting. This motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 741, 2004 - reappoints Doris A. Sadler to the Information Technology Board

Ms. Sadler, Marion County Clerk, stated this will be her third year on the Information Technology (IT) Board and she has enjoyed serving on this board. She said the board has just completed a request for proposals (RFP) for the new vendor and it went into effect this year. Ms. Sadler said the IT for both the City and County can do great things even with limited resources.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to send Proposal No. 741, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation, subject to her successful completion of the background check. The motion carried by a vote of 6-0.

[Clerk's Note: Chairwoman Nytes arrived at 5:08 p.m.]

PROPOSAL NO. 763, 2004 -approves the Mayor's appointment of Brenda L. Burke as the Director of the Department of Administration

Ms. Burke said she is seeking the Council's approval for reappointment as the Director of the Department of Administration (DOA) for the sixth year. As director, she has been requested to do the work of the DOA with the continued support and dedication of her staff. She directed the committee to the booklet containing the department's 2004 accomplishments (Exhibit A, see file). Ms. Burke said it is virtually impossible to achieve these successes without the support, dedication, and hard work of the staff members of the DOA. She gave special thanks to the employees of Fleet Services for their hard work and the outstanding job that they continue to do. Ms. Burke stated the 2005 goals of the DOA, and they are as follows:

- To reduce costs by continuing to look at computer technology to enhance processes
- To stress the importance of disease management through the Wellness Program.
- To continue the efforts of creating equal opportunities for women and minority owned businesses.

Ms. Burke said to be able to serve is a privilege and an honor and she looks forward to serving her sixth year as director.

Laza Hewitt, National Association of Business Owners, said on the association's behalf she would like to thank Ms. Burke and her administration for their tireless efforts and support of minority and women owned small businesses around the state.

Randy Bulk, President of AFSME Local 3131, thanked Ms. Burke for her dedication and the honesty she has shown to the division and the City. He said without her they cannot do their job, and he supports her reappointment as director.

Dudley Taylor, Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) liaison for Fleet Services, said he works very closely with Ms. Burke and has been able to get a lot accomplished. He supports her reappointment as director of DOA.

Chairwoman Nytes thanked Ms. Burke for her support and efforts in the revision of the Human Rights ordinance.

Councillor McWhirter moved, seconded by Councillor Talley, to send Proposal No. 763, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. This motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 744, 2004 - determines the need to lease approximately 5,400 square feet of office space at 5617-5629 West 73rd Street for the use of the Marion County Sheriff's Department

Steve Eicholtz, attorney for the Marion County Sheriff's Department, said the Sheriff's Department was before the committee last fall with a proposal for a lease agreement that was approved by the Administration Board. He said the landlord leased the original space to another tenant; therefore, they have a new lease for space in the same complex. Mr. Eicholtz said this proposal is just renewing their prior deal to move their west side Criminal Investigation Operations to the Park 100 Plaza. He said in terms of funding, they are terminating their existing lease, and the new lease amount is less money.

Councillor Brown asked how long a term the new lease is. Mr. Eicholtz said ten years. Councillor Brown asked when the buy-out of the lease takes effect. Mr. Eicholtz said if

there is consolidation of the Sheriff's Department and the Indianapolis Police Department (IPD) and the lease is no longer necessary, the buy-out will occur within 2 years or a short time there after. Councillor Brown asked if funds are already in the 2005 budget. Mr. Eicholtz replied in the affirmative.

Reverend Pamela Pinckney, citizen, asked if the Sheriff's Department is willing to work in conjunction with churches to assist in the investigations for the purpose of rehabilitation. Mr. Eicholtz said this is outside his area of authority. Reverend Pinckney asked if the suggestion could be taken to the person with authority. Mr. Eicholtz agreed.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Sanders, to send Proposal No. 744, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 745, 2004 - determines the need to lease approximately 12,130 square feet of space at 908-928 Virginia Avenue for use by the Marion Superior Court

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor McWhirter, to "Postpone" Proposal No. 745, 2004 to the next committee meeting. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

PROPOSAL NO. 716, 2004 - reappoints Leeland Thomas to the County Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals

Mr. Thomas said he has been in real estate since 1977, and had an independent firm for six years. He is now the president of Abernathy Realtors, Inc. Chairwoman Nytes asked Mr. Thomas how things are going on the board. Mr. Thomas said things are going well on the board and he has learned a lot in the past year. He looks forward to learning more to better assist the community. Chairwoman Nytes asked if the board is seeing a decrease in the number of cases related to the reassessment. Mr. Thomas said the number of cases has not changed.

Councillor Talley asked for an explanation of what the board does. Mr. Thomas said citizens who have problems with their property taxes come to the board to appeal. Chairwoman Nytes asked if citizens come before the board after they are unsuccessful with their Township Assessor. Mr. Thomas replied in the affirmative and said in some cases, things are worked out and the assessor comes before the board for approval.

Reverend Pinckney said she is totally against taxing citizens and would like to see more effort made to tax those who can afford it versus those who cannot.

Councillor Talley moved, seconded by Councillor Brown, to send Proposal No. 716, 2004 to the full Council with a "Do Pass" recommendation, subject to his successful completion of the background check. The motion carried by a vote of 7-0.

Councillor Brown asked if more information will be provided to the committee regarding Proposal No. 743, 2004 before the next committee meeting. Chairwoman Nytes said that perhaps before the meeting, e-mails can be submitted to members of the committee with some information on this proposal.

CONCLUSION

With no further business pending, and upon motion duly made, the Administration and Finance Committee of the City-County Council was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Nytes, Chairwoman
Administration and Finance Committee

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